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1 Introduction

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In this third year of the 3-year research plan, there have been no patents granted or applied for.

2 Patents and Disclosures

No patentable inventions were produced by the research which was directly supported by this grant. No patent applications were filed as a direct result of the research.

3 Availability of Software

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OVERVIEW

This research project studied the mathematics of adapted wavelet transforms, which underlie some highly successful algorithms for feature detection and classification. Feature analysis in the wavelet domain is made difficult by the instability of wavelet coefficients under shifts, rotations, and other geometric transformations. Successful algorithms can be built of tools from classical harmonic analysis such as decreasing rearrangements, local averages, and maximal operators. The research surveyed five feature detection methods, evaluating them empirically on reasonably large data sets to find their weakest points.

In the course of this study, new methods have been found for characterizing and constructing wavelets. Several sets of newly discovered equations characterizing orthonormal wavelet bases can be applied, along with more classical constructions, to create new families of wavelets and similar functions. These new constructions not only provide connectivity, but also allow new dilation structures and translations by lattices other than those already studied.

STATUS OF EFFORT

Further progress has been made in characterizing and constructing new classes of wavelets. Progress has also been made in devising and understanding new algorithms based on adapted wavelet analysis.

Weiss' research results belong to three areas:

(1) The characterization of wavelets, scaling functions and filters. Weiss and his collaborators have obtained complete characterizations of all wavelets, all scalar functions and all low pass filters in one dimension. That two simple equations characterize all such wavelets was reported previously, and this is a result obtained with Hernandez and X. Wang. The characterization of all scaling functions is presented in Chapter 7 of the reference [HW]. The characterization of all low pass filters has just been completed [PSW]. This last characterization extends the partial one obtained by A. Cohen and has several applications.

(2) The construction of wavelets. The characterizations just described offer several different methods for the construction of wavelets, scaling functions and filters. In a collaboration with L. Brandolini, G. Garrigos, and Z. Rzeszutnik, Weiss has obtained several classes of wavelets that have not appeared in the literature. In particular, they have discovered several classes on non-MRA wavelets as well as certain low pass filters having interesting features explaining the behaviour of MRA wavelets. In particular they show how very general functions of absolute value not exceeding one on certain intervals completely determine a wavelet. This work has just been written and will be submitted for publication.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Research supported by this grant in its final year has resulted in one encyclopedia chapter, three software applications which have transitioned to commercial use, six articles in scholarly journals, seven academic conference proceedings, seven preprints of work in progress, and dozens of lectures, colloquia and tutorials.

Ten referred publications appeared in 1999 or were accepted for publication.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED

In 1998-1999, funds from AFOSR grant F49620-96-1-0287 were spent on two computers plus salaries for the following personnel:

Guido L. Weiss, PI
M. Victor Wickerhauser, PI, 2 months
Maceiej Paluszynski, post-doc, 5 months
Hrvoje Sikic, post-doc, 2 months
Zioma Rzeszotnik, graduate student, 1 month
Wojciech Czaja, graduate student, 1 month

TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters

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INTERACTIONS AND TRANSITIONS

Conference Presentations

Weiss:

- + Zygmund Lecturer at the University of Chicago.
- + Colloquium speaker at University of Canterbury, New Zealand; University of Auckland, New Zealand; University of Milan; University of Genoa; Politecnico di Torino; University of Rome; University of Orleans, France.
- + Invited conference lectures at the Fourth Australasian Mathematical Conference, Auckland, New Zealand; Regional Conference of the AMS, Philadelphia; Harmonic Analysis Conference (CNR sponsored) in Milano; Wavelet and Computer-Aided Design Conference in Montecatini, Italy; Show-Me Conference at the the University of Missouri, St. Louis; Harmonic Analysis and Function Spaces Conference, Ponza, Italy.

Wickerhauser:

- + Principal speaker at Mathematics Awareness Week, Illinois State University.
- + Colloquium speaker at Illinois State University and the University of Maryland.
- + Seminar speaker at the Technical University of Berlin and Aarhus University, Denmark; National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei;
- + Invited conference lecturer at University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (AMS Meeting 927); International Wavelet Conference, Tangier, Morocco; NSF-CBMS Wavelet Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando; and the Danish Symposium on Partial Differential Equations, Odense University; Functional Analysis V, Inter-University Center, Dubrovnik; Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Florida; AMS Sectional Meeting 941, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Functional Analysis VI, Inter-University Center, Dubrovnik; Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, P.R. China.
- + Tutorial presentation at WIS Technologies, Inc., San Jose, California; National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei;

Transitions

(1) The implementation of the WSQ fingerprint image compression algorithm standard based on Adapted Wavelet Analysis Library 3.0, which is maintained and updated by Wickerhauser, was licensed to Pegasus Imaging Corporation in June, 1998. Contact information:

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(2) A data compression algorithm developed and implemented by Wickerhauser for both raw and reduced seismic data was licensed by a new company, GeoEnergy Inc., started in January, 1998 by a former researcher for Amoco Corporation. Contact information:

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(3) Image compression algorithms developed for still photographs was improved using wavelet packet methods developed by Wickerhauser and is being distributed by a new company, WIS Technologies, Inc. Contact information:

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